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Title: IP KEY MANAGEMENT MECHANISM WITH  
DIVERGENCE BARRIER INCREASING ENTROPY  
AGAINST COMPUTATIONAL CRYPTO-ANALYSES

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**COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

The Examiner provided a statement of reasons for allowance in the above-identified application. While those stated reasons are believed to be correct, they are not believed to be the sole reasons for allowance and there may be additional reasons for allowance. The prior art should provide the sole limitation on the allowability of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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